



Prescott National Forest

Bradshaw Ranger District

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WILLOW CREEK TRAIL #236

GENERAL INFORMATION: Willow Creek Trail #236 travels along a steep drainage where manzanita, juniper, and oak grow up from a thick carpet of grasses and wildflowers. This is excellent habitat for bears and there may be signs of these large mammals—rolled rocks, tracks, or scat—on the trail. Beyond the drainage, TR 236 emerges onto Joe's Ridge and crosses along its top before winding down to Willow Creek, more than 1,200 feet below the trailhead. This trail, which must be hiked out and back, is one of several in the Castle Creek Wilderness. Encompassing over 25,000 acres, this wilderness area on the eastern slopes of the Bradshaw Mountains is characterized by extremely rugged topography.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: The best route from Prescott is by way of Mayer, especially in winter. From the Hwy 69/89 intersection, travel 15 miles on Hwy 69S to Hwy 169N. Continue on Hwy 69S 11.3 miles to Main Street, on the right. Turn onto Main Street and proceed to the junction with Antelope Creek Road (also CO 74). Turn left onto Antelope Creek Road and go approximately 7.2 miles to the community of Cordes. Continue straight as the road becomes FR 259. Continue on FR 259 for 20.4 miles, through Cleator, to Crown King. Travel another 0.6 miles to the junction with FR 52. Keep left and take FR 52 for 6 miles to the Horsethief Recreation Area. Continue 1.8 miles past Kentucky Campground to FR 696. Bear left onto FR 696 and travel 1.6 miles to the trailhead on the right. Parking is poor.

TRAVEL TIME: 2 hours from Prescott

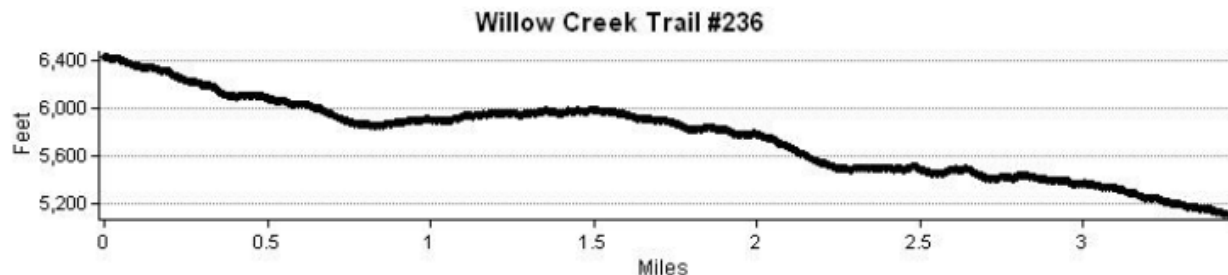
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dirt after Hwy 69. High-clearance and 4WD are recommended for the last stretch of FR 52 and FR 696.

HIKING TIME: 2 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 3.5 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Light

NOTES: This trail lies within the Castle Creek Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. There is no drinking water available along the trail—come prepared.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Crown King, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains.



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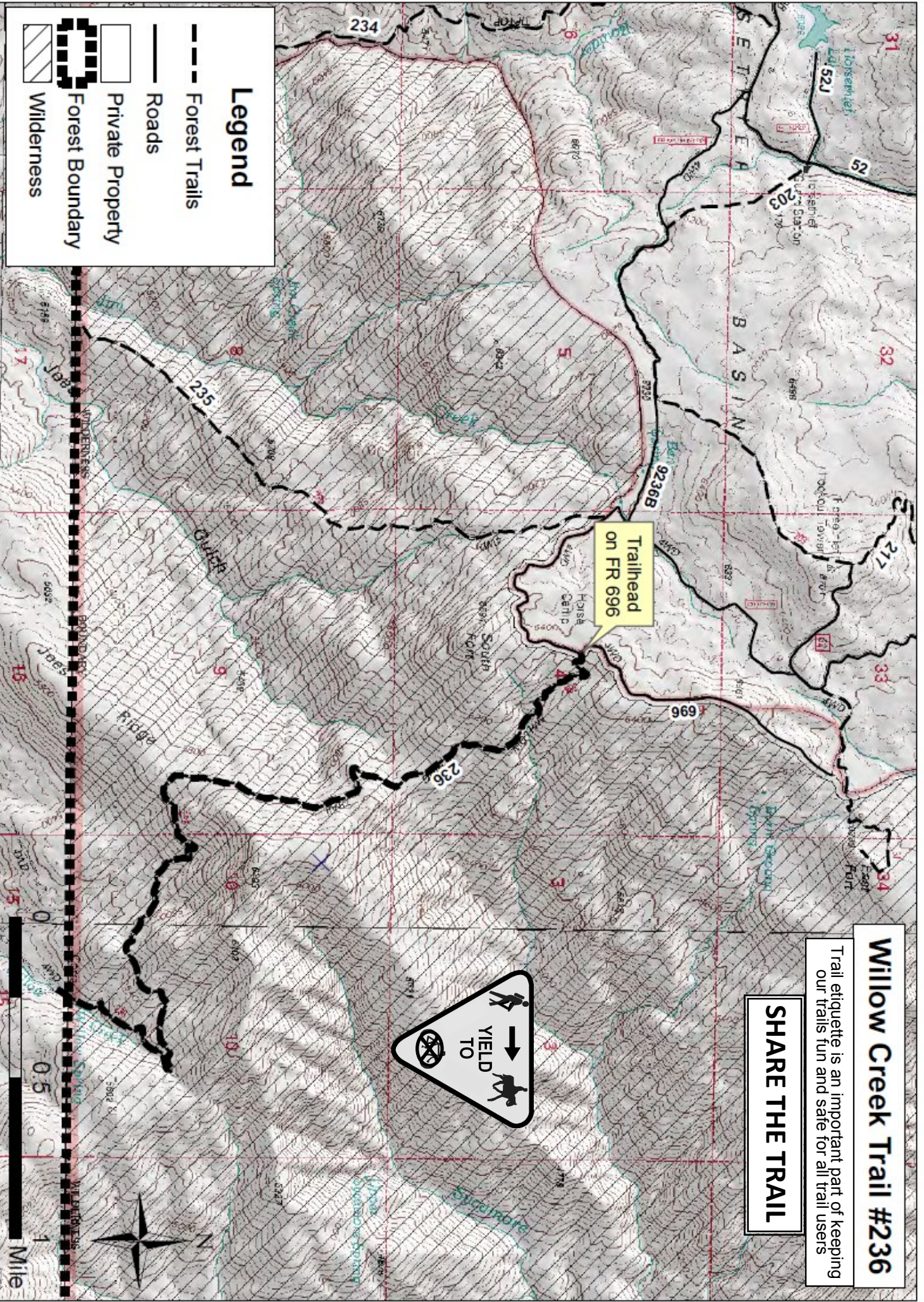
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